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FM USLO PEKING

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2428

C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 1626

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SCUL CH

SUBJECT: ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 204437

1. USLO RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT ADOPT SECOND OF THREE ALTERNATIVES OUTLINED REFTEL. ALTHOUGH FIRST ALTERNATIVE WOULD SETTLE PROBLEM OF FORCE MAJEURE IMMEDIATELY, WE AGREE WITH YOUR REASONING ON UNDESIRABLE ASPECTS OF CAVING COMPLETELY IN THIS FASHION. THIRD ALTERNATIVE IS, WE THINK, IMPRACTICAL AT THIS POINT. WE AGREE THAT ANY CHANGE IS UNLIKELY UNLESS WE TAKE THE MATTER TO THE LEVEL OF MR. BRUCE AND CHIAO KUAN-HUA. EVEN AT THAT LEVEL, CHINESE MAY HAVE DUG THEMSELVES INTO THEIR POSITION SO FIRMLY THAT, SHORT OF A THREAT TO CANCEL THE EXHIBITION, THEY WOULD BE UNWILLING TO BUDGE. FINALLY, TIMING OF MR. BRUCE'S DEPARTURE AND CHIAO'S ATTENDANCE AT UNGA MAKES IT NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR A MEETING TO BE ARRANGED AT THIS LEVEL.

2. THEREFORE, WE PROPOSE THAT USLO BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ORAL PRESENTATION TO HSIAO TEH INDICATING:

A) THAT WHILE WE STILL HAVE PROBLEMS WITH CHINESE POSITION ON FORCE MAJEURE, WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT TEXT OF LETTER AS IS;

B) WE NOTE HSIAO TEH'S STATEMENT OF AUGUST 28 THAT REGARDLESS

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OF LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN LETTER, THE CHINESE INTENT IS TO

TREAT ALL COUNTRIES RECEIVING THE EXHIBITION IN THE SAME MANNER;

C) WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT, IN HIGHLY UNLIKELY EVENT OF EXCEPTIONAL UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD CONSULT IN A FRIENDLY FASHION ABOUT OUR APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM.

3. WE ARE QUITE CONFIDENT THAT HSIAO TEH WILL AGREE TO THIS TYPE OF APPROACH. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH OUR SUGGESTIONS, RECOMMEND WE BE AUTHORIZED TO SET EARLY DATE FOR SIGNATURE. ASSUME WE WILL SHORTLY RECEIVE LANGUAGE FOR DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO BE HANDED TO CHINESE COVERING VARIOUS POINTS NOT INCLUDED IN AGREEMENT.

4. REFTTEL WAS NOT RECEIVED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 19. SUGGEST THAT FUTURE MESSAGES, PARTICULARLY IF THEY ARE RATHER LONG, BE SENT PRIORITY.  
BRUCE

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